



CRITTENDEN ESTATE®

MORNINGTON PENINSULA FAMILY WINEMAKERS

GEPPETTO

This range of classic French varieties is unashamedly designed for youthful drinking and is part of the family's quest to produce premium but affordable wines from grapes grown in several cool climate regions of Victoria, including the Mornington Peninsula.

2016

SAUVIGNON BLANC



VINTAGE

2016 was a rare but welcome season with the desirable combination of both quality and quantity across most Victorian wine regions. Perfect flowering conditions in late spring helped cement a bountiful yield which was followed by a warm dry summer with virtually no disease pressure. So productive were many of our affiliated vineyards that judicious green fruit thinning was often required to ensure the retention of concentrated flavors in the finished wines.

VINEYARD

The grapes were harvested from a small family owned vineyard in the Sunbury region west of Melbourne in late March 2016.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested in the cool of the early morning to preserve aromatics and transported immediately to the winery where they were pressed and settled on enzymes for 48 hours before the clear juice was racked to refrigerated tanks for yeast inoculation. The ferment temperature was maintained at around 15 degrees Celsius for a slow ferment once again with the intention of retaining aromatics. Once dryness was nearly reached the wine was chilled and the gross lees were settled and separated by racking. The wine stayed in stainless steel tanks for another two months before being readied for bottling. There is no oak exposure or malolactic ferment.

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| ALCOHOL | 12.5 % |
| MALOLACTIC | Nil |
| PH/TA | 3.27 / 6.65 |
| OAK HANDLING | Nil |

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

The cool clean fermentation has helped preserve the wine's wonderfully fresh aromatics. The nose of gooseberries and lemon zest is matched perfectly on the palate by characters of fresh lime juice and a vibrant/zippy acid finish. Fantastic with fresh seafood or simply enjoyed by itself as a pre-dinner drink.